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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please CANCEL all existing claims and ENTER new claims 44 to 56 inclusive, as follows:

44.(Ncw)

A compound of formula I,

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wherein

NRR¹ is attached at the 5- or 6-position of the furopyridine ring;

R is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or COR²;

 R^1 is $(CII_2)_nAr$, $CII_2CII=CIIAr$, or $CII_2C=CAr$;

n is 0 to 3;

A is N:

Ar is a 5- or 6-membered aromatic or heteroaromatic ring which contains zero to four nitrogen atoms, zero to one oxygen atoms, and zero to one sulfur atoms; or:

Ar is an 8-, 9- or 10-membered fused aromatic or heteroaromatic ring system containing zero to four nitrogen atoms, zero to one oxygen atoms, and zero to one sulfur atoms; any of which may optionally be substituted with one to two substitutents independently selected from: halogen, trifluoromethyl, or C₁-C₄ alkyl;

 R^2 is hydrogen, C_1 - C_4 alkyl; C_1 - C_4 alkoxy; or a phenyl ring optionally substituted with one to three of the following substituents: halogen, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_2 - C_4 alkenyl, C_2 - C_4 alkynyl, OH, OC_1 - C_4 alkyl, CO_2R^5 , -CN, $-NO_2$, $-NR^3R^4$, or $-CF_3$;

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R³, R⁴ and R⁵ are independently hydrogen; C₁-C₄ alkyl; or phenyl ring optionally substituted with one to three of the following substituents: halogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₂-C₄ alkenyl, C₂-C₄ alkynyl, OII, OC₁-C₄ alkyl,-CN; -NO₂, or -CF₃; or an enantiomer thereof, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, with the proviso that said compound is not 5'-N-benzylaminospiro[1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]octanc-3,2'-(3'H)-furo[2,3-b]pyridine].

- 45.(New) A compound according to claim 44, wherein R₁ is CH₂CH=CHAr; or an enantiomer thereof, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.
- 46.(New) A compound according to claim 44, wherein R₁ is CII₂C≡CAr; or an enantiomer thereof, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.
- 47.(New) A compound according to claim 44, wherein R_1 is $(CH_2)_nAr$; or an enantiomer thereof, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.
- 48.(New) A compound according to claim 44, wherein Ar is selected from the group: 1-, or 2-naphthyl; 2-, 3-, 4-, 5-, 6-, 7-, or 8-quinolyl; 1-, 3-, 4-, 5-, 6-, 7-, or 8-isoquinolyl; 2-, 4-, 5-, 6-, or 7-benzoxazolyl; and 3-, 4-, 5-, 6-, or 7-benzisoxazolyl;

or an enantiomer thereof, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

49.(New) A compound according to claim 44, wherein R³, R⁴ and R⁵ are independently hydrogen, or C₁-C₄ alkyl;

or an enantiomer thereof, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

50.(New) A compound according to claim 44, wherein Ar is an heteroaromatic ring.

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- 51.(New) A compound according to claim 44, wherein n is 1.
- 52.(New) A compound according to any one of claim 51, wherein R is hydrogen and Ar is an heteroaromatic ring.
- 53.(New) A compound according to claim 44, wherein R is hydrogen.
- 54. (New) A compound according to claim 44, said compound being:
- R-(-)-5'-(3-pyridylmethyl) aminospiro[1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]octane-3,2'-(3'H)-furo[2,3-b]pyridine], or
- R-(-)-5'-(4-pyridylmethyl) aminospiro[1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]octane-3,2'-(3'H)-furo[2,3-b]pyridine]; or an enantiomer thereof, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.
- 55.(New) A compound according to claim 44, said compound being:
- R-(-)-5'-(2-pyridylmethyl)aminospiro[1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]octane-3,2'-(3'H)-furo[2,3-b]pyridine];
- R-(-)-5'-(3-pyridylmethyl)aminospiro[1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]octane-3,2'-(3'H)-furo[2,3-b]pyridine];
- R-(-)-5'-(4-pyridylmethyl)aminospiro[1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]octane-3,2'-(3'H)-furo[2,3-b]pyridine];
- R-(-)-5'-(2-furanylmethyl)aminospiro[1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]octanc-3,2'-(3'H)-furo[2,3-b]pyridinc];
- R-(-)-5'-(3-furanylmethyl)aminospiro[1-azabicyclo[2,2.2]octane-3,2'-(3'H)-furo[2,3-b]pyridine];
- R-(--)-5'-(2-thienylmethyl)aminospiro[1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]octane-3,2'-(3'II)-furo[2,3-b]pyridine];

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- R-(-)-5'-(2-imidazolylmethyl)aminospiro[1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]octane-3,2'-(3'11)-furo[2,3-b]pyridinc];
- R-(-)-5'-N-(4-methoxyphenylmethyl)aminospiro[1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]octane-3,2'-(3'H)-furo[2,3-b]pyridine];
- R-(-)-5'-N-(4-chlorophenylmethyl)aminospiro[1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]octanc-3,2'-(3'H)-furo[2,3-b]pyridine];
- R-(-)-5'-N-(4-methylphenylmethyl)aminospiro[1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]octane-3,2'-(3'H)-furo[2,3-b]pyridine];
- R-(-)-5'-N-(3,4-dichlorophenylmethyl)aminospiro[1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]octane-3,2'-(3'11)-furo[2,3-b]pyridine];
- R-(-)-5'-N-acetyl- N-(phenylmethyl)aminospiro[1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]octane-3,2'-(3'H)-furo[2,3-b]pyridine];
- R-(-)-5'-N-methyl-N-(phenylmethyl)aminospiro[1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]octane-3,2'-(3'H)-furo[2,3-b]pyridine];
- (R)-(-)-5'-N-(3-pyridyl)aminospiro[1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]octane-3,2'(3'H)-furo[2,3-b]pyridine];
- (R)-(-)-6'-N-(phenylmethyl)aminospiro[1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]octane-3,2'(3'fl)-furo[2,3-b]pyridine];
- R-(-)-5'-N-(3-thicnylmethyl)aminospiro[1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]octane-3,2'-(3'H)-furo[2,3-b]pyridine];
- R-(-)-5'-N-(2-phenylethyl)aminospiro[1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]octanc-3,2'-(3'H)-furo[2,3-b]pyridine];
- R-(-)-5'-N-(3-phenylpropyl)aminospiro[1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]octanc-3,2'-(3'II)-furo[2,3-b]pyridine];
- R-(-)-5'-N-(quinolin-3-ylmethyl)aminospiro[1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]octane-3,2'-(3'1I)-firo[2,3-b]pyridine];
- R-(-)-5'-N-(quinolin-4-ylmethyl)aminospiro[1-azabicyclo[2,2.2]octane-3,2'-(3'H)-furo[2,3-b]pyridine];



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- R-(-)-5'-N-(1,4-bcnzodioxan-6-ylmethyl)aminospiro[1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]octane-3,2'-(3'11)-furo[2,3-b]pyridine];
- R-(-)-5'-N-(imidazol-4-ylmethyl)aminospiro[1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]octane-3,2'-(3'H)furo[2,3-b]pyridine];
- R-(-)-5'-N-(trans-3-phenylprop-2-cnyl)aminospiro[I-azabicyclo[2.2.2]octane-3,2'-(3'11)-furo[2,3-b]pyridine];
- R-(-)-5'-N-(thiazol-2-ylmethyl)aminospiro[1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]octane-3,2'-(3'H)furo[2,3-b]pyridine];
- R-(-)-5'-N-(3-methylphenylmethyl)aminospiro[1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]octanc-3,2'-(3'fl)furo[2,3-b]pyridine];
- R-(-)-5'-N-(2-chlorophenylmethyl)aminospiro[1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]octanc-3,2'-(3'11)furo[2,3-b]pyridine];
- R-(-)-5'-N-(3-chlorophenylmethyl)aminospiro[1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]octane-3,2'-(3'H)furo[2,3-b]pyridine];
- R-(-)-5'-N-(3-phenylpropynyl)aminospiro[1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]octane-3,2'-(3'H)furo[2,3-b]pyridine];
- R-(-)-5'-N-(3-hydroxyphenylmethyl)aminospiro[1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]octane-3,2'-(3'II)-furo[2,3-b]pyridine];
- R-(-)-5'-N-(4-hydroxyphenylmethyl)aminospiro[1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]octane-3,2'-(3'II)-furo[2,3-b]pyridine];
- R-(-)-5'-N-[trans-3-(4-pyridinyl)prop-2-enyl]aminospiro[1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]octane-3,2'-(3'H)-furo[2,3-b]pyridine];
- R-(-)-5'-N-acetyl-N-(3-thienylmethyl)aminospiro[1-azabicyclo[2,2.2]octanc-3,2'-(3'II)-furo[2,3-b]pyridine];
- R-(-)-5'-N-methyl-N-(4-pyridylmethyl)aminospiro[1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]octanc-3,2'-(3'H)-furo[2,3-b]pyridine];
- R-(-)-5'-N-methyl-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)aminospiro[1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]octanc-3,2'-(3'H)-furo[2,3-b]pyridine], or

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R-(-)-5'-N-(2-hydroxyethyl)-N-(3-thienylmethyl)aminospiro[1-azabicyclo[2,2.2]octanc-3,2'-(3'H)-furo[2,3-b]pyridine]; or an enantiomer thereof, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

56.(New) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 44, in admixture with an inert pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier.

